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SUBJ: AMIR OF QATAR ON LEBANESE SITUATION

1. DURING JAN 11 CONMARSATION, AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, ASKED ME WHETHER USG HAD ANY "SECRET" INFORMATION ON CURRENT LEBANESE SITUATION. I ANSWERED THAT ALL I KNEW WAS DERIVED FROM MEDIA REPORTS. I ASKED WHAT SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM HAD HAD TO SAY ABOUT LEBANON DURING HIS JAN 7 VISIT TO DOHA. AMIR REPLIED THAT SUBJECT WAS HARDLY DISCUSSED SINCE KHADDAM'S MAIN MISSION CONCERNED SC DEBATE ON MID EAST (SEPTTEL

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2. AMIR DEPLORED INTENSIFIED CONFLICT AND CONTINUED CHAOS
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IN LEBANON. HE WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF CURRENT PHALANGIST
BLOCKADE OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP, WHICH HE SAID ADDED

ANOTHER EXACERBATING ELEMENT TO CONFLICT AND WAS UNACCEPTABLE ON PURELY HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. AMIR WAS INDIRECTLY CRITICAL OF WHAT HE REGARDED AS TOTAL LACK OF LEADERSHIP ON PART OF PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH.

3. KHALIFA NOTED REPORTS THAT PARTITION BEING CONSIDERED AS SOLUTION AND ASSERTED THIS WOULD BE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHER ARABS. I SAID US TOO OPPOSED PARTITION, AND HAD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DECLARED ITS COMMITMENT TO TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANESE STATE. RE INTERVENTION, AMIR OPINED THAT SYRIANS WOULD NOT DIRECTLY INTERVENE, ALTHOUGH IN THIS CONTEXT HE ALLUDED CRYPTICALLY TO SARG'S CLOSE TIES WITH PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON. I SAID US HAD STRONGLY COUNSELED ALL OUTSIDE PARTIES AGAINST INTERVENTION. AMIR EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AND DISMAY AT QUANTITY AND SOPHISTICATION OF WEAPONS BEING EMPLOYED BY CON- TENDING PARTIES AND ASKED RHETORICALLY WHERE THIS ARMAMENT WAS COMING FROM. I REPLIED THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, SOPHISTICATED MILITARY HARDWARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO HAD MONEY, BUT IT ALSO APPEARED THAT LEBANESE LEFTISTS BEING AT LEAST PARTIALLY SUPPLIED VIA PALESTINIANS.

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